



DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT – SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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NEWSWORTHY

- Caltrans recently released its *Scope Document and Timeline* for the 2040 *California Transportation Plan*. This plan provides long-range policies addressing future mobility needs, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting sustainable communities. The plan also includes a *Modeling and Policy Scenario Development Flow Chart*, which shows how information, data, scenarios and models interact and flow. The chart features five groups: Inputs, Scenario Modeling, Initial Outputs, Economic and Emissions Modeling and Final Results. It also provides an overview of how the CTP will calculate final results such as greenhouse gas emissions, gross state product, mode split, vehicle miles traveled and delay, and commodity flow by tonnage and mode, etc. More information is available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/californiainterregionalblueprint/>
- Caltrans is working on its High-Speed Rail Transit Connectivity Program, established in July 2012. The program fosters strong partnerships between Caltrans, the California High-Speed Rail Authority, regional and local agencies, and transit operators to develop multi-modal transportation connections critical to the success of the high-speed rail system. More information is available at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/hsr.html>
- Caltrans is partnering with the California State University-Sacramento's College of Continuing Education and the University of California-Berkeley to provide training and technical assistance to transportation professionals from the state's cities, counties and regional transportation agencies. Fundamental and advanced training is available for such courses as traffic engineering and operations, traffic signals and control, work zone safety, infrastructure and pavement design, maintenance, planning, funding, environment, project development, management and compliance, pedestrian facility design and bicycle transportation. More information is available at: <http://www.cce.csus.edu/conferences/caltrans/localAssistance/index.cfm>
- California has the busiest highways in the nation, according to the Federal Highway Administration. A new report featuring America's 10 most heavily traveled interstate routes showed that people drove more than 84.7 billion miles on the state's highways in 2011. Interstate 5 carried the nation's most traffic with 21.4 billion miles traveled. Overall, vehicles traversed 2.95 trillion miles on U.S. roadways in 2011—the eighth highest level ever recorded, and nearly twice the amount reported in 1980. FHWA compiles the data through its Highway Performance Monitoring System operated by state departments' of transportation. More information is available at: <http://www.ewenspf.com/opinion/analysis/45486-new-federal-highway-administration-report-reveals-states-with-the-busiest-highways.html>

LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

This month, Caltrans celebrated the opening of the bicycle path along the US 101 Santa Maria River Bridges project. Partner agencies participated in the event, including SBCAG, SLOCOG, City of Santa Maria and the San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Coalition. The path enables bicyclists to traverse north and southbound across the bridges. Construction continues on the \$34.8 million bridge widening project, which is scheduled for completion in early 2014.

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